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SUBJECT ORGANIZATION OF TEXTILE WORKERS IN JAMAICA

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1. LESS THAN 20 PERCENT OF THE TEXTILE, CLOTHING AND ALLIED WORKERS IN JAMAICA ARE ORGANIZED. THERE ARE 124 MEMBERS IN THE GARMENT GROUP OF JAMAICA MANUFACTURER'S ASSOCIATION, MOST OF WHICH EMPLOY LESS THAN TEN WORKERS. ONLY 16 OUT OF THE 124 HAVE UNION REPRESENTATION

2. OF THE 16 UNION SHOPS, FOUR BELONG TO THE NATIONAL WORKERS UNION (,27) WHICH IS AFFILIATED WITH THE RULING PEOPLES NATIONAL PARTY (PNP), A DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY; NINE BELONG TO THE BUSTAMENTE INDUSTRIAL TRADE UNION (BITU), WHICH IS AFFILIATED WITH THE JAMAICA LABOR PARTY (JLP), A DEMOCRATIC PARTY; AND THREE BELONG TO THE TRADE UNION CONGRESS (TUC) AN INDEPENDENT LABOR ORGANIZATION WHICH IN REALITY IS CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH THE PNP. GERARD

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